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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO TEGUCIGALPA OF ARMY SECRETARY  
CALLOWAY

FOR ARA: CEN, LAZAR FROM AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ

REF: AMB SANCHEZ/WACKERBARTH TELECON

1. I WOULD GREATLY WELCOME VISIT TO TEGUCIGALPA OF ARMY  
SECRETARY CALLOWAY. THERE FOLLOW FIVE QUESTIONS WHICH COULD  
POSSIBLY BE POSED TO THE SECRETARY SHOULD HE VISIT US AND  
HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL MILITARY.

A. (C) "WHY HAS THE U.S. CONSISTENTLY FAVORED EL SALVADOR  
IN THEIR ACQUISITION OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT?" THE HONDURANS  
FEEL THAT (A) SALVADOR HAD A GREATER QUANTITY OF ARMS AND  
EQUIPMENT BEFORE AND AFTER THE 1969 CONFLICT AND (B) THE  
U.S. POLICY OF OFFERING EQUAL AMOUNTS OF LIKE ITEMS TO EACH  
COUNTRY GUARANTEES SALVADOR WILL MAINTAIN THIS ADVANTAGE.

B. (C) "WHY DOES THE U.S. ALWAYS THWART HONDURAS' ATTEMPTS  
TO PURCHASE ARMS AND EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD COUNTRIES?" A PERFECT  
EXAMPLE WAS OUR DENIAL OF A YUGOSLAVIAN F-86 SALE TO HONDURAS,  
BUT OUR APPROVAL (HONDURAN OPINION) OF THE SALE OF JETS TO  
EL SALVADOR BY ISRAEL.

C. (C) "WHY IS SUCH A LONG LEAD TIME NECESSARY FROM THE  
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TIME WE ORDER AN ITEM OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNTIL IT IS DELIVERED?

YOU CAN DELIVER EQUIPMENT RAPIDLY TO OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS CAMBODIA AND ISRAEL AND OTHER COUNTRIES CAN DELIVER IT MORE RAPIDLY TO US."

D. (U) "MR. SECRETARY, IT SEEMS STRANGE TO US THAT HONDURAS SHOULD RECEIVE A BILL FOR \$18,000.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY FOR TRANSPORTATION CHARGES OF MILGP MEMBERS COVERING PERIODS 15 TO 20 YEARS AGO. OUR RECORDS FOR THAT PERIOD HAVE LONG BEEN RETIRED AND WE HAVE NO WAY TO VERIFY NOR DISCLAIM THE CHARGES."

E. (U) "MR. SECRETARY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE DELIVERY OF THE TWO UH-1N HELICOPTERS WHICH WE HAVE REQUESTED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE SINCE THEY ARE FOR USE PRIMARILY BY THE CHIEF OF STATE."

2. THE SECRETARY SHOULD ALSO BE BRIEFED ON GENERAL OUTLINES OF CURRENT GOH POLICY, INCLUDING OUR AID INPUTS, BANANA PROBLEM, AND SALVADOR/HONDURAS DISPUTE.

3. REQUEST EARLIEST NOTIFICATION OF DATE AND DETAILS OF PROSPECTIVE VISIT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT TEGUCIGALPA AIRPORT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT LARGE JET AIRCRAFT, AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNDESIREABLE TO REQUEST GOH CHIEF OF STATE TO GO TO SAN PEDRO SULA.  
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